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IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF JAPAN FOR
FEEDER CATTLE EXPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES

The animals must be accompanied by a U.S. Origin Health Certificate (VS Form 17-140) issued by a veterinarian so authorized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and endorsed by a Veterinary Services veterinarian. The certificate shall contain the name and address of the consignor and the consignee, and a complete identification of the animals to be exported. Additional information shall include:

CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS

1. There has been no official report of rinderpest, foot-and-mouth disease, African swine fever, contagious bovine pleuropneumonia, bovine spongiform encephalopathy, lumpy skin disease, bluetongue, or vesicular stomatitis for at least 1 year within a radius of 50 km. (30 miles) around the farm(s) on which the cattle originated.
2. The cattle have not been vaccinated for any diseases listed above.
3. The animals were isolated from all other untested animals in a USDA-approved export isolation facility under the supervision of a USDA accredited veterinarian from _____ (date) until the time of movement to the port of embarkation. The animals were inspected during the isolation period and were free of signs of infectious disease. (See Other Information No. 1 and 2).
4. Feed and litter during isolation and transport were provided from an area free from diseases listed above.
5. Contagious bovine pleuropneumonia has not occurred in the United States since 1892.
6. During the premises isolation period the cattle were given a precautionary dip or spray for ticks. (Give method of treatment, kind of insecticide used, and date.)
7. The cattle were vaccinated against IBR/BVD 15 to 30 days prior to export.

TEST REQUIREMENTS

The animals tested negative to the following tests within 60 days prior to export:

1. Tuberculosis: Caudal intradermal tuberculin
2. Johne's Disease: Caudal intradermal Johnin
3. Paratuberculosis: Complement fixation (CF) test at 1:8 dilution

The animals tested negative to the following tests within 30 days prior to, or during export isolation:

1. Bluetongue: CF test at 1:5 dilution
2. Brucellosis: Standard tube 1:50 dilution
3. Leptospirosis: Microtiter agglutination test at 1:400 dilution for

serotype L. pomona

4. Anaplasmosis: CF test at 1:5 dilution

OTHER INFORMATION

1. The export isolation facility shall be inspected and approved by VS prior to use (See VS Memo 592.105). The animals shall be isolated under the supervision of an accredited veterinarian for a minimum period of 21 days. This isolation period may be reduced to a minimum of 7 days when under the direct supervision in the United States of a Japanese Government quarantine officer.
2. All of the cattle in the export isolation facility will be ineligible for export if any disease listed in Certification Statement 1 above is diagnosed in the group.
3. The cattle shall be transported to the port without being accompanied by other animals.

EMBARKATION CERTIFICATION

At the port of embarkation, a VS port veterinarian shall attach to the U.S. Origin Health Certificate, the Certificate of Inspection of Export Animals (VS Form 17-37) showing:

1. The name and address of the consignor.
2. The name and address of the consignee.
3. The number and species of animals to be shipped.
4. A statement that the animals have been given a careful veterinary inspection at the port of embarkation and found free from evidence of communicable disease and exposure thereto within 24 hours of exportation.